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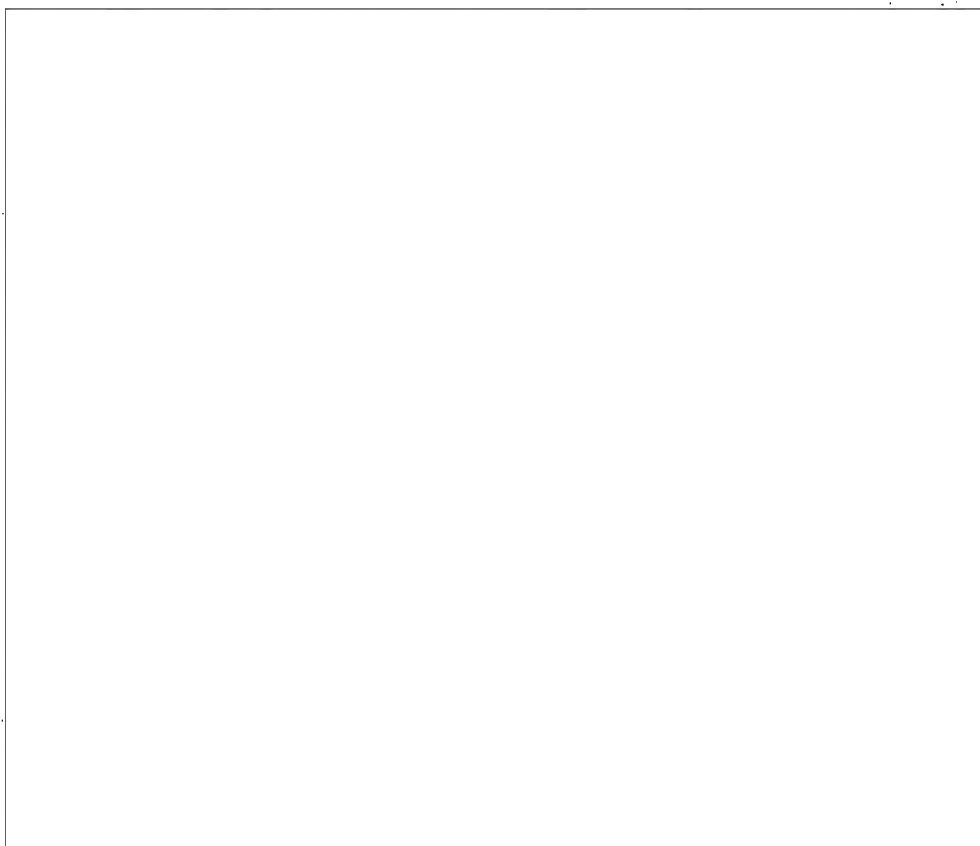
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Cuba



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1. Laos

a. The Chinese hand appears to be showing again in northwest Laos.

b. Defectors from a Pathet Lao battalion at Muong Sing, a few miles from the border, say their unit has received arms via trains

They also say that several Chinese officers come each week to confer with the two Vietnamese actually running the battalion.

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2. Communist Bloc

a. Khrushchev's remarks on the Sino-Soviet split yesterday clothed the Soviet approach in moderate tones for the delegates. He may hope thereby to prove Chinese responsibility for an eventual break or he may have been under heavy pressure from other Communist leaders to move away from a split.

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b. The Soviets have made a "definite suggestion" to Mayor Brandt that he visit Khrushchev tonight or tomorrow night in East Berlin. Brandt is very intrigued, but is checking with Adenauer and the Allied commanders.

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4. Congo

a. Tshombé was due to visit Elisabethville this morning to arrange for UN entry into Kolwezi. This still leaves him the initiative to cause trouble should he so elect.

b. Journalists coming out of Kolwezi say the mercenaries are being paid off and that some were seen leaving for Rhodesia.

c. Meanwhile, an Indian battalion is standing by in Elisabethville ready to be airlifted in--or to join in an assault. [REDACTED]

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d. The carpetbaggers from Leopoldville continue to arrive in Elisabethville as the central government "presence" builds up. Former premier Joseph Ileo, a moderate, is Adoula's man as resident minister.

5. Yemen

a. Yemeni royalist forces are again pecking away at several Egyptian positions, and there have been renewed clashes in the area between Sadah and Sana.

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6. Indonesia

a. Since the West New Guinea settlement, Djakarta has appeared to be having a slight case of cold feet regarding some of its deals for Soviet ground and air armaments.

b. At present some 140 surface-to-air missiles are sitting on a Russian dock awaiting a decision from Djakarta "regarding further shipments."

c. For whatever reason there has been a rising interest in visiting Indonesia by Soviet military brass. A naval delegation just returned

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B. Indonesia Foreign Minister Subandrio says he has no word of a Sukarno visit to the US.

C. USSR The Soviets may be starting preparations to launch another recoverable earth satellite [redacted]

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D. USSR During the past six months, we have noted an increasing number of Long Range Air Force heavy bomber flights out over the North Atlantic and the Pacific. [redacted]

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[redacted] Such flights provide needed training in overwater navigation and may also serve to test operations envisaged in wartime. [redacted]

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